

Our file: Nicholas Ali (5033260)

Dear Mr. Ali,

At its meeting on 7 May 2013, the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (FGPS) reviewed your appeal of the evaluation of your thesis and your withdrawal from the PhD program in Human Kinetics.

The Committee noted that FGPS Regulation G.5.2 states that a thesis cannot go to defence if two examiners are opposed. This applies both to the initial and to the revised version of a thesis. In the case of your revised thesis, two examiners were opposed, that is, two examiners selected verdict # 3, which states that "The thesis cannot be accepted for defence and must undergo extensive revision BEFORE DEFENCE to ensure it meets the (...) criteria." The Dean of the FGPS, in not allowing your thesis to go to defence, was acting in accordance with the regulation.

The Committee, having reviewed the documentation available and heard your oral remarks, did not find sufficient grounds to overturn the Dean's decision and accordingly did not sustain your appeal.

You may appeal this decision to the Senate Appeals Committee by writing, **within ten working days** of receipt of this e-mail, to Ms. Erika Hansen-Reeder (uosecretariat@uottawa.ca), Assistant Director of the University Secretariat, Tabaret Hall, 550 Cumberland, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5. You will find information on the procedure for an appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee at the following website: <http://web5.uottawa.ca/admingov/committee-document.html?id=32&docid=2>.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moriarty